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23 April 1952

MEMORANDUM TO: []

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SUBJECT: Currency Reproduction

1. Your statement at Monday's SE/PC staff meeting to the effect that [] seemed to view the problem of Albanian currency reproduction as new business when you discussed the matter at ADPC's staff meeting last week came as a surprise to me. To bring you up to date on recent developments, which may prove helpful when a direct approach to [] is made on this matter, I will briefly outline our action during the past four weeks. A cable from [] dated March 26th stated the need was acute and requested information on delivery. This inquiry was immediately transmitted to the appropriate office in FD and we were advised that [] was in New York on this matter and would let us know the result of his efforts on April 2. (Incidentally, we have kept in close contact with []'s office since December because of the importance of this matter.) Upon his return, [] reported nothing at hand and no prospects. Per normal routine he passed this information on to his chief, [] and at my request agreed to draw their failure to obtain the required currency to the attention of [] memo. This memo also suggested a meeting between FD and [] to determine the next step. By this time it was apparent we could not honor the field's request promptly and a cable was sent to the field to that effect.

2. As a formal memorandum was initiated from this division to [] office to request his consideration of the problem, I did not check with [] on the results of his meeting with [] because of new stringent regulations regarding discussion of the subject and because I knew we were going to approach [] directly. Consequently, I was perturbed that [] drew a blank in the meeting last week and immediately contacted [] to follow up developments on his end. [] reported two meetings had actually taken place. The first held on or about April 10th, was between the Chief, FD and [] and was simply a rehash of the memo sent forward by [] to [] stating efforts to obtain the requested currency had failed. Having verbal proof of FD's plight, [] called a second meeting on the 14th or 15th, attended by Messrs. [], [] (Aide to []), [], [], [], and a State Department Representative. At this meeting the problem was discussed and the State Department expert was asked to comment upon the steps taken to date by FD and to advance

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new methods by which the currencies could possibly be procured. I learned he felt FD had done a very thorough job and he also volunteered the opinion Albanian currency was the most difficult to obtain. Unfortunately, no final decisions were reached and the meeting concluded with [] stating he would take the matter under advisement.

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